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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PUBLICITY ON U.S. DONATION TO Wafa Wa Amal  
SOCIETY

REF: CAIRO 7593

1. DONATION TO Wafa Wa Amal Society was not rpt not announced as such, although presidential determination on making the gift was published in the federal register on march 18, following notification to congress, as required by law.

2. PRESS AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THE DONATION EMERGED SUBSEQUENTLY, INCLUDING A JACK ANDERSON ITEM PUBLISHED BY THE WASHINGTON POST ON MAY 28. MEANWHILE, CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST CENTERED ON THE LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR SUCH A DONATION; DEPARTMENT HAS EXPLAINED THAT THE PROVISION OF THE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION AND WAIVER EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 614(A) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT. WHILE PRESS ARTICLES APPEARED, WE HAVE NO

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RECORD OF THE ISSUE HAVING BEEN DIRECTLY RAISED AT DEPARTMENT'S NOON PRESS CONFERENCES. SEVERAL CORRESPONDENTS, HOWEVER, WHO CALLED THE DEPARTMENT SEEKING COMMENT ON THE ANDERSON STORY WERE TOLD THE DONATION HAD INDEED BEEN MADE.

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3. MARILYN BERGER (APPARENTLY PARALLELING HOAGLAND APPROACH IN CAIRO) MADE INQUIRIES RECENTLY AT DEPARTMENT REGARDING DONATION AND WAS GIVEN INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE ALREADY PREPARED AND USED BY DEPARTMENT IN RESPONDING TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES LAST MAY. HER ARTICLE APPEARED IN WASHINGTON POST SEPT 29 AND GAVE BALANCED AND RELATIVELY ACCURATE ACCOUNT. COPY POUCHED AMBASSADOR ON SEPT 30.

4. GIVEN CONSIDERABLE PRESS COVERAGE AND ATTENTION ALREADY FOCUSED ON THE DONATION AND THE RECENT POST STORY, WE DOUBT IT WOULD BE EITHER APPROPRIATE OR USEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT AT THIS LATE DATE.

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